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1. Foreign ships sailing for the port of Batumi (N 41-38, E 41-38) are accompanied by a destroyer from a point 25 miles away from the port. The same measure is taken when foreign vessels sail from the port.
2. The crews of foreign ships are not allowed to visit the town of Batumi.¹
3. There were four small minesweepers and five old destroyers in the port. In the morning, these ships sailed out of the harbor, and returned in the afternoon.
4. The port of Batumi contains an arsenal.²

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1. Comment. This contradicts previous information
2. Comment. A small naval arsenal, with a small quay for light military craft, was at the roadstead entrance of Batumi, between Cape Batumi and the first houses of the town.

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